

# Gila News-Courier

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## CAMOUFLAGE NET WORK BEGINS

*Rivers Cities  
Near Capacity*

Contingents totaling 1,433 persons made their entry into Rivers on October 17, 18 and 19. Excepting 250 special clean-up workers still stationed in Santa Anita, there are no further movements booked for this community.

On Saturday, October 17, 220 Stocktonians and 156 Fresnoans began the last mass induction. They were followed on Sunday and Monday by 553 and 514 Santa Anitans.

### ARRIVAL DELAYED

The Monday movement was delayed by a freight wreck on the tracks ahead, the last bus load going through the induction station at 12:30 a.m., full five hours behind schedule. Sunday's arrivals were greeted by the first combined dust, wind, and rain storm that Rivers has experienced in months. Baggage crews and housing workers worked overtime on both nights to make the new arrivals comfortable.

### MANAGERS SELECTED

The three groups moved into blocks 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and part of 36 in Butte. New Block Managers have been selected for all except 36. They are block 28, Tomoko Kawakami; 29, Henry Isobe; 30, Koizumi Chogyaji; 31, Jack Kasai; 32, Frank Kobata; 33, Harry Sumi; 34, Seiichi Takeda.

### MARINE VISITS RIVERS FRIENDS

Sergeant Glenn Abbott, U.S. Marines, was here recently visiting friends.

Abbott visited the Sameshimas and Yuges in Butte and the Sasaki in Canal. He is studying Japanese at the San Diego Marine Corp. School. He first began his education in Japanese language as a youth when he attended the language school in Pomona.

*Work Limited To Citizens Only;  
One Thousand Workers Sought*

Camouflage net project, one of the largest projects in the Rivers Communities, started its initial garnishing work yesterday. Thomas Reynolds is JRA net project manager.

One garnishing shed is completed and four others, along with a warehouse, are nearing completion. The foundation for the cutting shed has been laid. Buildings are scheduled to be completed the first week in November revealed Lieutenant B.N. Frykland, area engineer.

### Gila Chapter of JACL Assured

A Gila Chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League was assured last Sunday when representatives of 12 former chapters met to formulate plans of the organization.

Based upon the national constitution, a set of by-laws to govern the Gila Chapter will be drafted tonight. Members of this committee are N. Kawai, J. Nakamura, T. Hirashima, H. Terazawa, and Dr. E. Yuca.

All past and present officers of JACL are invited to meet this Sunday at 2 p.m. in 42-5-A to approve the constitution and aid in the formulation of local policy.

To create interest in the coming general election, a parade was held last evening with the aid of the Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corp.

Large portions of the membership in this colony are from Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Lompoc, Parlier, Pasadena, San Gabriel Valley, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Ventura, and Yolo-Solano.

### FRIEDMAN FILLS POST AT CANAL

Samuel D. Friedman, acting placement officer for Canal, arrived October 16 from Tule Lake project to fill the vacant post. He will work under John C. Henderson, project supervisor of housing and employment.

### CANAL AND BUTTE WORKERS

William Huso, placement officer, stated that work will be limited to citizens with two hundred workers from both communities to be placed very soon. After the completion of the buildings, it is estimated that almost 1,000 workers can be employed. Seventy per cent of this total may be women.

### MACHINERY USED

The five garnishing sheds will have five stations each. Stations are equipped for 32 garnishers, with one foreman. The machinery for lowering and raising the nets have been devised for the convenience of workers. Here garnishers will weave burlap strips (strips are in nine different colors) into ordinary fishing nets. The size of nets to be garnished here are 33'x44' and 36'x60'.

The cutting shed where the strips will be cut down to proper width and length will employ 40 cutters, two foremen and one general superintendent.

### Class To Train Teachers Open

The Canal Education Department desires four or five young men or women with two or more years college training to attend our Teachers Training classes, from 8 to 9, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings. Apply at 13-1-A as soon as possible. This offers real opportunity!